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MEMORANDUM FOR: Office of General Counsel
 ATTENTION : 
 FROM : Harry E. Fitzwater
 Director of Training
 VIA : Deputy Director for Administration
 SUBJECT : Transfer of Commercial Film to Videotape

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1. The Office of Training would like to transfer to videotape five commercially-produced films which are used frequently in training programs. The tapes would be used only in covert operational training programs conducted domestically or overseas by OTR at the request of the Directorate of Operations. The films are quite old and the transfer to tape would significantly prolong the useful life of the material. From a security standpoint, videotapes represent less of a risk of compromise than bulky film cans when moving between  sites in the Washington area. In addition, OTR is attempting to standardize on videotape as the audio-visual medium used in these programs.

2. Attached for your background is pertinent recent correspondence between OTR and the Central Reference Service concerning the reproduction of these films on tape and the associated problem of copyright law. We would appreciate a review and ruling by the Office of General Counsel on our desire to effect this transfer from film to tape for use within the limitations described.

Harry E. Fitzwater

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